

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the "Related Applications" section, which was added by the March 17, 2004 Preliminary Amendment (page 2), with the following. That amendment was filed at the time of filing the application. This present amendment is being made solely to insert the 6,727,102 patent number, as requested by the Examiner in the January 30, 2006 Office Action, ¶ 5.

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/446259, filed December 20, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,727,102, which is the national stage in the United States of International Application No. PCT/EP97/03493, filed July 1, 1997, which claims priority to PCT/EP97/03287, filed June 20, 1997. All priority rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120 to and for those applications and the present application are hereby claimed. --